

St. Katherine's School Safeguarding Statement

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at St. Katherine's School

Everyone who is part of the St Katherine's School community has an important role to play in helping to identify welfare concerns and possible indicators of abuse or neglect at an early stage. It is important to remember that children can be abused by other children as well as adults. Abuse can take place face to face, online, in the home and in the child's wider community.

It is vital that any concern you have for a child's welfare, however small, is passed to our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

St. Katherine's Designated Safeguarding Lead is:

KATHARINE CROCKER

(01275 373737) safeguarding@skdrive.org

St. Katherine's School has policies and procedures in place to deal effectively with child protection and safeguarding issues together with recording and monitoring processes.

To promote a safe environment for young people at St. Katherine's School our selection and recruitment policy includes all statutory checks on staff and regular volunteers including Enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks.

All staff are trained to a level appropriate to their safeguarding responsibilities ranging from basic awareness for all to Level 3 for some staff. Other safeguarding training is attended by relevant staff and governors. This training is monitored and comprehensive records kept by our Human Resources Manager.

All concerns are passed through members of staff who have the appropriate level of training in compliance with the HM government "Working Together To Safeguard Children" guidance (2023) and "Keeping Children Safe In Education" (2025). Staff are required to report any causes of concern to the Designated Safeguard Lead (or Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead in the absence of the DSL) in person as soon as they are able to and record these concerns on CPOMS

Attendance is monitored closely and concerns are shared as appropriate with parents/carers, the Education Welfare Service, Social Care and the school safeguarding team. St. Katherine's School will work effectively with other agencies and parent/carers when necessary to safeguard young people.

St. Katherine's School Designated Safeguarding Lead: Katharine Crocker (01275 373737)

St. Katherine's School Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Siân Howe (01275 373737)

St. Katherine's School Safeguarding Governor: Glen Davies (01275 373737)

Other staff trained in child protection: Heads of House, Deputy Heads of House, Flora Slater (SENDCO), Geraint Davies (Head of 6th Form), Matthew Maw (Deputy Headteacher) and Justin Humphreys Headteacher (01275 373737)

Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): North Somerset's LADO is Allyson Donovan (07386 963406) (01275 888 211) lado@n-somerset.gov.uk

If you have any concerns about the behaviour of someone working or volunteering with children please contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) in North Somerset.